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FOR:

ASTAXANTHIN MEDIUM-CHAIN

FATTY ACID ESTER, PRODUCTION

METHOD OF THE SAME AND COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE

ESTER (As Amended)

## AMENDMENT, REPLY AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION **UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Mail Stop: AFTER FINAL Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The present paper responds to the FINAL Office Action mailed July 29, 2008. The period for response extends through December 29, 2008, by the concurrently-filed petition for a two-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.